



## OFFSHORE CLASSES AND EVENTS COMMITTEE

### Meeting

held from 09:30 – 18:30  
on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> October in Sarasota, USA

### MINUTES

**Present:** Bruno Finzi (ITA), Thomas Blixt (SWE), Jose Frers (ARG), Don Genitempo (USA), Zoran Grubiša (CRO), Patrik Lindqvist (FIN), Thomas Nilsson (NOR), Edoardo Recchi (ITA), Wolfgang Schaefer (GER)

**Observers:** Willem Ellemet (NED), Dirk-Jan Zweers (NED), Egon Elstein (EST), Robert Jacobsen (GER), Fabrizio Pirina (ITA), Michiel Woort (NED), Matteo Zuppini (AUS), Peter de Jong (NED), Johan Tuvstedt (SWE), Per Boymo (NOR), Dobbs Davis (USA)

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Paolo Massarini sent his apologies asking the Committee to approve Bruno Finzi to chair the meeting. Apologies were also received from Vassily Alexeev, Steve Benjamin, Eva Holmsten, Ecky Van der Mosel, Jose Martinez, Javier Sans.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes of 8 November 2017

Minutes of 2017 minutes as circulated by mail by the Chairman were unanimously approved.

#### 3. Reports of 2018 Championships

##### Offshore World Championship, The Hague (Holland)

Bruno Finzi and Dobbs Davis reported. It was first combined ORC/IRC championship. There was very good cooperation on the technical level between ORC and RORC in double checking all measurement data. Final number of entries was 85 boats from 15 countries with all 9 scheduled races completed. The winners were: Class A – “Team Beau Geste,” a Botin 52 owned by Karl Kwok from Hong Kong, Class B – “Santa,” a Landmark 43 owned by Claus Landmark and Class C – “J Lance 12,” a J-112E chartered by the Dutch crew of Gideon Messink.

Since combined ORC/IRC scoring and Triple Number for inshore races was used for the first time in the World championship, both items were discussed together with other aspects of the organization trying to define lessons learned and plans for the future. It was noted that Triple Number scoring method was significantly affected by the wind range selected when the wind was just on the border between two ranges. The double scoring ORC/IRC method used was also found as being not fully successful and if a combined championship is to be repeated a better solution should be selected. An example may be to score the offshore race with the IRC single number and inshore races with ORC PCS. Technical cooperation between ORC and IRC should continue in that direction.

#### ORC European Championship, Limassol (Cyprus)

Zoran Grubiša reported. It was a successful event with participation of 28 boats from 8 countries with all scheduled races (1 offshore and 6 inshore) completed. The winner of Class AB was “Technonicol,” a modified Estonian X-41 owned by Sergey Kolesnikov while the winner of Class C was also an Estonian crew on “Katariina II” owned by Aivar Tuulberg. The detailed report was presented.

#### ORC Sportboats European Championship (Portofino, Italy)

Zoran Grubiša reported. Another successful event with participation of 27 boats from 6 countries with all scheduled races completed. The winner was the Fat 26 “Mind the Gap” owned by Edoardo Marangoni and Nicola Cavallarin. The detailed report was presented.

### **4. Submissions**

#### GER 3 – EC/WC Class Definition

The submission is not supported with 3 votes for, 2 abstained and 4 against. It was felt by the majority that an international standard Class definition should be set through CDL by ORC.

#### ITA 2 – Displacement

Pre-race measurement checks by weighing with calibrated load cells applies for ORC Sportboats as already defined in the ORC Sportboat Class Rule 3.2. The committee believes that this answers the submission and therefore is not supported.

#### ITA 4 – Classes Division

The submission is not supported for the same reason as for submission GER 3.

#### NED 4 – Eligibility Criteria for World Championship

The submission is supported with an amendment of the Green Book by removing the fixed limits of maximum boats per class. Instead, the maximum number of entries per class may be agreed between the organizer and the ORC. In cases where the number agreed is over 50, a racing format with gold and silver divisions may be applied.

#### NED 5 – Scoring, Event Management and Tracking

The committee agrees that ORC Scorer software should remain as mandatory for scoring in the ORC Championship events even when used in parallel with another scoring software. For the web race management system and tracking system there will be minimum standard defined in the Green Book that should be met by any ORC Championship race organizers.

#### POL 2 – Promotion of ORC Sportboats

The idea is supported in principle, but since the representative of Poland who made this submission was not present at the meeting, the committee is asking ORC staff to get in contact with them to find what are the options to develop this idea.

#### RUS 1 – Offshore Race – Intermediate finish

The submission is not supported since it is not following the RRS definition of the “Start”. However, it was noted that an offshore race scored as two races with an intermediate finish line may have undesired effects. See the discussion following Item 5.

## **5. Green Book: amendments status and future plans**

It was agreed to propose a change of the Green book and schedule for the World Championship to include 2 Offshore races (long and short) and 6 inshore (windward/leeward) races. For the European Championship the schedule shall include 1 offshore and 6 inshore races.

All races are to have same scoring coefficient of 1.0 with offshore races non-discardable and 1 discard allowed on inshore races if 5 or 6 inshore races are completed.

The new system will be tested in 2019 events and reviewed at the next meeting.

The Committee asks the ORC Staff to make usual “housekeeping” of the Standard NoR and SI by incorporating changes and improvements found during the year.

## **6. Report about SuperYachts 2018 experience and future plans**

The Superyacht year started at the beginning of February with the 2018 Superyacht Challenge Antigua where 7 Superyachts divided in two classes competed on a 5 races event. The event was used as a test and has been scored using the new 2018 ORCsy Superyacht rule and VPP. The second Caribbean event has been the more crowded St Barth’s Bucket Regatta, where 23 Super Yachts competed divided in 5 classes including the most numerous Corinthian Spirit class, with five entries. The overall winner *Nilaya* was in Les Gazelles des Mers class, and was not known until the end, showing the close racing in this class.

The next event was held in early June in Porto Cervo where the YCCS, confirming the partnership with Loro Piana, managed to group nine Superyachts divided in 2 classes. The winner of the Loro Piana Silver Jubilee Trophy was Pigi Loro Piana’s Baltic 130’ My Song. The Mediterranean season continued with The Superyacht Cup held over 19-23 of June in Palma de Majorca where 17 Super yachts competed in 4 classes. The J-Class competed here under the ORCsy rule and Velsheda won in Class B breaking the tie with MariCha III.

Due to uncertainty of the number of entries organizers cancelled the 2018 Candy Store Cup but the event is already scheduled for 2019.

At the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup five Superyachts including three J-Class among other 36 Maxi and Mini-Maxi yachts competed at YCCS at the beginning of September. After five races the J-Class Topaz won the series just one point in front Velsheda.

No Superyachts entered the Rolex Swan Cup this year so the next and final event of the ORCsy season was the Perini Navi Cup where 12 Perini Superyachts competed divided into two classes: in the Cruiser-racers the victory went to Silencio while in the Corinthian Spirit Class Maltese Falcon won with three bullets out of three races completed.

## **7. Calendar of future Events**

### 2019 Championships presentations & ratifications

Presentation of the current status for already confirmed events for 2019 was made for the ORC World Championship to be held in June in Šibenik, Croatia and the ORC European Championship to be held in Oxelosund, Sweden

A bid to host the ORC Sportboat European Championship 2019 was received from Portorož, Slovenia. The team behind the bid has good experience from organization of 2018 ORC Sportboat Europeans in the same region as well as several Melges 24 events. The committee is proposing to the Congress to confirm ORC Sportboat European Championship to be held in Portorož, Slovenia from 24 – 30 August 2019.

#### 2020 proposals officially received:

Bids to host the 2020 ORC World Championship were presented by: Newport (USA), Tallin (EST) and Sandefjord (NOR). After review of three well-presented bids, the Committee is proposing to the Congress to confirm the World Championship to be held in Newport (USA) at the end of September/beginning of October 2020. A working party between New York YC and ORC shall be composed to follow the organization and achieve the standards set in the Green Book as well as the promotion of the event that may guarantee as many as possible international entries. Possible use of combined ORC/IRC scoring will be further discussed with RORC who will be part of the WP. Representatives of Tallin (EST) and Sandefjord (NOR) are invited to place their bids next year for 2021 events. The Committee clarifies that being 2020 in Newport is an exception to the past pattern, and that the 2021 Worlds will not be automatically awarded to a Mediterranean organizing club.

The Committee is notes that interest letters to host the 2020 ORC European Championship were recieved from Istanbul (TUR) and Capri (ITA), but both were not ready for complete presentation to the committee. The committee will ask more details for both bids and ask the Congress to give permission to the Committee to make a final decision by the end of the year by e-mail vote.

#### **8. Organization of the Committee**

David Bartol (SLO) and Dirk Jan Sweers (NED) will join this committee pending approval by Congress.